

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 13, 2007

SPECIAL SESSION

The Special Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Robert Snyder presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: J. M. Holmes, Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bridgett Powers, Bob Snyder,

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Administrative Manager Joanna Belanger

1. Public Comment

None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Snyder moved Item 3, Remarks from Outgoing Mayor, to be the first item heard on the agenda.

3. Remarks from Outgoing Mayor

Mayor Snyder shared his experiences of the past year with the Council and audience. He explained his vision of Auburn and the accomplishments made during the tenure as mayor. He said as a representative of the City he has attended meetings and gatherings and has presented proclamations and commendations of outstanding achievement to both groups and individuals.

He said Auburn has been enhanced by achievements such as the Placer High School girls ski team, who won a state championship. Coaches and families have also been acknowledged for their support. Mayor Snyder said the Mt. Vernon Grange was recognized as a historical structure. He

stated that by proclamation he was able to show a returning Iraq veteran that his service was valued by the citizens of Auburn. He expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve as Auburn's Mayor and representative of its citizens.

2. **Council Reorganization**

A. **Nomination and Selection of Mayor**

Mayor Snyder declared nominations open for the position of Mayor.

Council Member Holmes stated that Keith Nesbitt is a member of the Auburn Economic Development Commission, was a Planning Commissioner, has served on the Auburn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army, is member of the Auburn Gold Country Rotary Club, a supporter of the Hands Across Auburn effort to increase funding for education, and was elected to the City Council in November 2004 and served as Vice-Mayor for the past year.

Council Member Holmes nominated Council Member Keith Nesbitt for Mayor, seconded by Council Member Hanley. **Roll Call Vote: Approved 5:0**

B. **Nomination and Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore**

Mayor Nesbitt declared nominations open for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Hanley nominated Council Member Mike Holmes for Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Powers. **Roll Call Vote: Approved 5:0**

B. **Oath of Office**

Placer County Superior Court Judge Charles Wachob administered Oath of Office to Mayor Nesbitt and Mayor Pro Tem Holmes.

C. **Seat Placement**

Seat #1	Robert Snyder
Seat #2	Kevin Hanley
Seat #3	Keith Nesbitt
Seat #4	Mike Holmes
Seat #5	Bridget Powers

3. **Remarks from Outgoing Mayor**

Moved to first item on the agenda.

4. **Presentation by Newly Selected Mayor**

Mayor Nesbitt presented a plaque to outgoing Mayor Snyder and commended him for being a “hands on” mayor involved actively and physically in community projects.

5. **Mayor’s Address**

Mayor Keith Nesbitt thanked several persons for being in attendance. He stated that he will accept the challenges of his office. He said there are a series of issues to be presented to the Council in the upcoming year that will require careful consideration. He said those issues will bring “spirited debate” and will have “far reaching impacts on every citizen in Auburn.” He explained that the most pressing issue will be that of the Auburn sewer system and whether or not to join the regional sewer system.

He said that the budget crisis of the State will have a significant local impact. He said the City does have reserves, “but we must not be complacent and exhaust those reserves.” He advised that we have airport projects that have been delayed for years. He said that although progress has been made on the East Hangar Project, it is not sufficient. He asked the City Manager to create a task force to approach the Airport issues and make long-delayed projects a reality.

Mayor Nesbitt advised that City will soon start the process of creating a new specific plan for Baltimore Ravine, “the last frontier of Auburn.” It will have a huge impact on the City’s population, infrastructure and the landscape of the City. He said that it is imperative that community input is included in the process.

Mayor Nesbitt announced that there will be a ribbon-cutting in the Spring for the first phase of the Auburn School Park Preserve. He said it will be the beginning of the next phase to fund and construct a nature center. He said that the City is in the final planning stage of the first phase of the Streetscape Project. He advised that the plans will soon be implemented. He said the State Theater Project will begin the process of developing into the Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center. He challenged the Performing Arts Center Committee to push for donations so that the City may provide matching funds for the marquee.

Mayor Nesbitt asked the City Manager to arrange an appreciation dinner for citizens that serve Auburn via committees and commissions or as

volunteers at the Police Department, Fire Department and City Hall. He said there are many people who serve the City without compensation and little notice. He said those folks deserve a specific gesture of appreciation from the City of Auburn.

He said past Mayor Snyder has been an example of the pioneer spirit of Auburn. He challenged the Council, the staff and the entire citizenry of Auburn to come forth with that pioneer spirit and do their part to make a difference. He said with common goals great accomplishments can be made.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nesbitt, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m. to the Rose Room for refreshments.

Keith Nesbitt, Mayor

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk